

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter January 2017

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January  
7.30pm - Campton Village Hall

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS'

### GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January  
at 7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January  
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton  
The following Coffee & Chat  
will be on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Campton Village Hall at 7.45pm

## EXPLORING CAMPTON'S HISTORY

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January  
11.00am - 4.00pm  
Campton Village Hall



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# Pew News

The Christmas 'Season' seems to start even earlier these days! Mid November saw our Christmas Quiz, which turned out to be 100 things about Christmas that I didn't know!! Arranged and M.C.'d by Anne and Geoff, it was a lovely happy evening, very well attended, and most people did know the answers!

As usual the December Coffee 'n Chat was in aid of 'Shelter', the charity working for homeless people especially at Christmas. Thanks to your generosity Malcolm was able to send **£120** to the Charity and we all went home well fuelled by Malcolm's mince pies and brandy butter.

On the Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December we held the Rock Gig in church. The music was provided by the usual group led by Steve Curtis and we thank them for giving their time, talent and energy. The event was very well attended and raised **£2045**. We apologise to everybody who found the noise intrusive, but because of this event All Saints can now send the Diocese a further instalment of our Quota. Every C. of E. church pays, or tries to, a Quota which funds the stipends and pensions of our Vicars; this year we are failing.

Last Sunday was the annual Christingle Service, when the story of Christianity is wrapped up in an orange, sweets and a candle. It seems little, but it is a reminder that we are in Advent and the run up to Christmas Day. We had a lovely, happy Service - Jessica and Alfie led us in 'Away in a Manger'. The collection of approx. **£45** was sent to the Children's Society.

This Village has an amazing range of talents and these came together on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the Craft Fair in the Village Hall. I am sure this must have been successful for all the stallholders.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December we welcomed the Community Choir who sang lovely carols in old and new arrangements in a friendly, warm atmosphere; Thank you to everybody concerned.

The latest entertainment this December was put on by several Mums with young children. It seemed Santa had a problem with striking reindeer and a faulty spaceship!! Then the Aliens came to take over all the presents! All ended well with a little song exhorting us to share - and give our love.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December it will be the School children's Crib Service and so to the 23<sup>rd</sup> December with Open for Christmas, which leads to our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve and then to the Christmas Day Service.

**Deborah and I would like to wish you all a  
Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.**

**See you in 2017, the first event will be Coffee 'n Chat on 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

**SUE HAYHURST - Churchwarden**

*P.S. These last few weeks we have been troubled by a dog  
fouling the Churchyard by the main path.  
Please will you clear up after your dogs. Thank you.*

## **Recycle your real Christmas tree**

After the festive season is over Central Bedfordshire Council will recycle your real Christmas tree, just leave it out on your normal waste collection day during week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Trees should be left loose and not in a bag or a bin, with segments no taller than 5ft and a trunk no greater than 3 inches in diameter.

**No other garden waste will be collected.**

Please ensure all lights and decorations have been removed.

Alternatively, trees can be recycled at the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre. Sites are open Monday to Sunday 9am - 5pm, except New Year's Eve 9am - 1pm, closed New Year's Day.

Please note that normal Green Waste Collection will resume week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website.**

**A colour version of this newsletter, together with archived issues is also available to view or download; follow the 'Information' link.**

**[www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk](http://www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk)**

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

At a previous meeting concerns were raised by some residents over the number of heavy vehicles driving through Campton. These concerns included pedestrian safety, sleep disturbance and damage being caused to the road surfaces. The Parish Council forwarded these concerns in full to Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown, who was able to offer some advice at the meeting, in particular with regards to speed limits and highway projects within the village. The Parish Council will consider this advice further in the New Year.

A resident has recently suggested a need for a waste bin to be fitted by the bus shelter on Priory Road. The Parish Council will investigate this proposal for a new waste bin, along with a recent quote from Central Beds for the waste collection contractors to empty the bin on the Recreation Ground. We will make decisions on both proposals at the next meeting.

The Parish Council agreed to organise an interim meeting prior to Christmas to discuss next year's Budget and Precept. We will look at possible future projects within the village and take these into consideration when deciding on the Budget. The meeting will be publicised on our website & notice boards.

The Parish Council are updating the welcome cards that are given to new residents moving into the Parish. If anyone has new neighbours it would be appreciated if this information could be forwarded to the Parish Council so that we may arrange for a card to be delivered to them. A group of volunteers monitor and deliver cards to new residents and we currently need additional volunteers to cover the area surrounding the cross roads in the Village and Hoover Place and Taft Place at Chicksands. If anyone is interested in helping out please do get in contact.

Unfortunately Cllr Jeff Simmons has recently resigned from the Parish Council. The Council wishes to thank Jeff for his involvement in recent months and wish him well for the future. Consequently the Parish Council now has two vacancies and would like to hear from anyone interested in taking on the role of Parish Councillor. It is important that these positions are filled as soon as possible. Should you be interested please contact the Clerk, or you are welcome to attend meetings for further information. Councillors will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

If you have anything you would like to raise with the Parish Council for discussion, please feel free to contact me at [tammy.medley@btinternet.com](mailto:tammy.medley@btinternet.com) (telephone 01908 505558).

You may also contact the Parish Council via the web "Contact Form" on the Parish Council website:

<http://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/>

**The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The Parish Council wishes you all an enjoyable, safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Friends of Campton PTA** would like to thank the residents of Campton and Chicksands for their support through 2016.

Our Christmas Fayre was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We had a wonderful turnout and managed to raise **£1046**, which will be used towards lots of fun things for the school children next year. It was great to see so many faces having fun and joining in the festivities.

Please, if you would like to join the PTA or have any fundraising ideas, contact us on [pta@camptonlower.org](mailto:pta@camptonlower.org)

We look forward to seeing you at future events in 2017 and would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

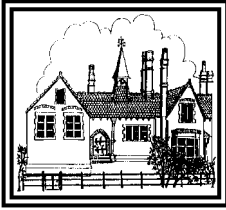
## Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		December 2016
1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	20 K. LaViola
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20	33 K. Mangold
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	49 L. Callaghan

**"Congratulations to our winners this month"**

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you do not have a number, but would like to be included,

**please contact  
Malcolm on 812747**



## Happy New Year from all the staff and pupils at Campton Lower School

**Vacancy:** Campton Lower School are looking for an experienced Clerk to their Governing Body from April 2017. Meetings are usually held from 5.00pm and last approximately 1½ - 2 hours. There are 3 meetings each term.

For further information please contact the School Office on 01462 813359.

## News From The Tower

### What's been happening in November/December 2016:

On Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> a special peal was rung in memory of the men of Campton who gave their lives during the First World War. Their names are on a tablet by the Oakley Room: *Albert A Devereux, Arthur W Devereux, Ernest Devereux, Joseph S Godfrey, Frederick G Harris, J Henry Heathfield, Horace Lincoln, Harry Newman, George Odell, Charles W Whittemore and Frederick A Whittemore.* We will remember them.

On Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> Campton ringers achieved a notable 'first' when we rang the first peal ever by an All Saints Campton Sunday Service band of ringers. It was Henry Francis' first peal attempt and sister Charlotte and mum Clare also rang. There's nothing more rewarding than ringing with people one has taught as they achieve significant things; even better when there are three from one family who are great supporters of our ringing. The other ringers were Sue Silver, Linda Garton and John Loveless and there are many more achievements still to come.

### Visiting Ringers during January:

**Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>** - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association - 10.00am to 1.00pm approx.

**Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>** - Peal attempt - Ely Diocesan Association - 10.00am to 1.00pm approx.

Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area. If you want to know more, or fix to have a go, come along on a Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm or call me on 07803 206161 **JOHN LOVELESS**

## ROCK 'IN THE AISLES 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Bigger, better and more cleaning up than ever before.... Huge thanks to all who came along on Saturday night for the most successful event yet. Big hugs to all the helpers and to the faithful for coming along to support us. Particular thanks go to our special guest artists, Ricky Tauber on cello for 'Baba O Reilly', Joy Curtis on the church organ for 'Freebird' and Mr P for singing with us one last time.

**£2045** was raised for All Saints Church so a BIG, BIG thank you.  
For photos of the event go to [www.rf2.rocks](http://www.rf2.rocks) or rf2 FB page.

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

Please note that our next meeting will be on  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January** (and not 2<sup>nd</sup> January)

During this meeting our Photography Competition will be judged, together with a look forward into 2017 and a look back at 2016.

Please feel free to bring along any surplus garden related items for our 'Free & Swap' table at the Village Hall meetings.  
Doors open at 7pm for setting up, any help would be gratefully received.

**Everyone Welcome**

**Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £1.50**

For more information, please contact... Maryika 01462 851729

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A Big Thank You to those children who have been a part of the children's choir for the Christmas Eve Service.

It's so wonderful to see familiar faces year after year.

I hope you have all enjoyed it and a special thank you to the parents as well for their support.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Joy Curtis**

## Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

If you need help from us phone **07971 854472**

If your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p per mile should be paid to the driver.

## EXPLORING CAMPTON'S HISTORY

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 : 11.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Campton Village Hall**

Throughout the day a wide selection of archival material relating to the village of Campton will be on display at the Village Hall.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to view these documents and photographs, which will definitely be of great interest to many of you.

Some of you may even be able to help us identify and name people and places depicted in the photographs.

This will also be an ideal opportunity for local people to come along and see for themselves the improvements we are making at the Village Hall. Over the last couple of years, as well as on-going general maintenance repairs to some of the fascias and gutters, we have also completed:-

Refurbishment of the toilets, including a new toilet for the disabled;  
provision of better disabled access; sanding and resealing the hall floor;  
renewing the flat roof at the front of the hall;  
resurfacing the front car park area.

In December the heating boiler packed in and has now been replaced.

Currently we are in the process of seeking quotes to replace the flooring in the kitchen area.

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE**

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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